

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 22 remain in this application. Claims 23 through 26 are withdrawn. The Office Action required restriction of the claims to one of two groups quoted below:

- I. Claims 2-22, are drawn to a plurality of stack switches, wherein identifiers specify a management hierarchy of the respective switches, classified in class 370, subclass 216.
- II. Claims 23-26, are drawn to receiving PDUs and transmitting PDUs with respect of having tables for provisioning QoS for the ingress PDUs transmitted, classified in class 370, subclass 395.21.

In response to the restriction requirement, the claims 2-22 in Group I, are elected without traverse. The claims 23-26 in Group II are withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that full allowance of the claims be granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 240-5324.

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